

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 and 3 are hereby canceled, and claims 2, and 4-20 are currently pending. Claims 1 and 3 were rejected under 35 USC 103 as being obvious under Wigger, et al., (U.S. 5,052,326) in view of Larson, et al. (U.S. 5,979,350). Claims 2, 4, and 5 were objected to as being dependent from a rejected base claim, but were held allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claims 6-20 were allowed.

Accordingly, claims 1 and 3 are canceled, and claims 2 and 4 were rewritten. It is believed that the application is now in allowable condition, and a notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required with respect to this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

Respectfully submitted,

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